

REMARKS

Claims 64 and 66-69 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 53 has been amended to include the limitation of canceled claim 64. Therefore, claims 53-63, 65 and 70-74 are pending. Each of the pending claims have been found to be allowable, however, Applicants request reexamination in view of the documents submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

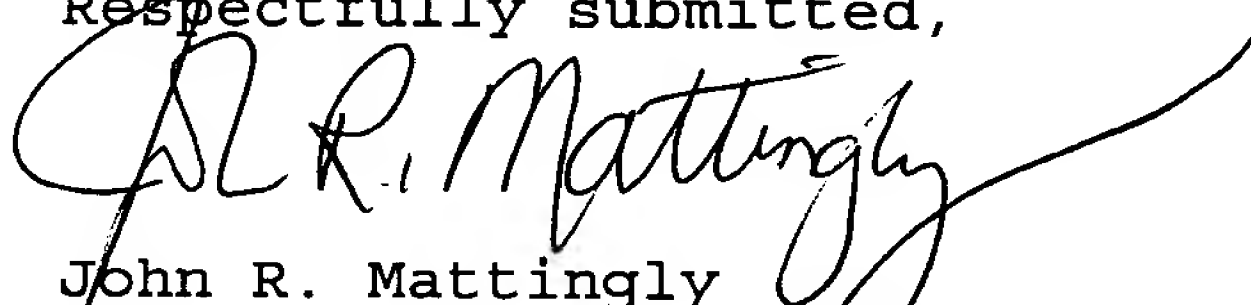
Applicants note that the documents listed in the IDS were cited in an Office Action in the Japan Patent Office dated April 8, 2003, which is more than 3 months ago. Therefore, an RCE is submitted herewith to permit the Examiner to consider the IDS. An English translation of the Japan Office Action is submitted with the IDS and an English language abstract is provided for the three Japanese language documents. Applicants request that the Examiner initial and return the PTO 1449 form submitted with the IDS as an indication that the cited documents have been considered.

Reissue Oath/Declaration

Enclosed are six (6) separate Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application documents, one for each inventor.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks,
reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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